

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

The Office Action Summary Form PTO-326 indicates that claims 38-76 are pending. Claim 38 was canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed February 14, 2000.

Claims 48-51, 55, 64 and 65 have been canceled by the present amendments without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 73, 74 and 75 have been amended to change their dependency from canceled claim 65 to allowed claim 66. Accordingly, claims 39-47, 52-54, 56-63 and 66-76 are now pending in this application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication by Examiner Sergeant that claims 39-47, 52-54, 56-63 and 66-72 are allowed.

Claims 48-51 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reason given in paragraph (1) of the Office Action. In addition, claims 64, 65 and 73-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,663,274 to Lee et al for the reasons given in paragraph (3) of the Office Action.

Without admitting the propriety of these rejections and solely to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled claims 48-51, 55, 64 and 65 and amended claims 73-76 to depend upon an allowed claim. Consequently, all rejections have been obviated and this application is now in allowable condition.

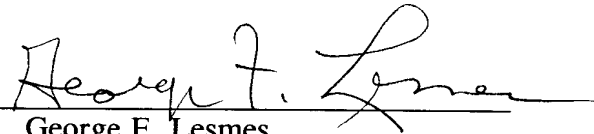
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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